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VILAVANCODE TALUK.

126. Opening of an English School at Kuzhithurai with a technical branch.

Mr. K. Raman Tampi. (Member, Vilavancode Taluk) represented that the people of the place were anxious for English education for their children, but they had to send them either to Trivandrum or Nagercoil for the purpose. They were not willing to send their young boys to such distant places. Between Trivandrum and Nagercoil there was no English High School. Under the circumstances, the necessity for an English High School at Kuzhithurai was strongly felt by the inhabitants of the place. The Member added that, during his recent tour, the Director interviewed the educational members, as well as the general public, on this subject, and he has already taken up the question for consideration. The Member also suggested that technical branches might be attached to the proposed school.

Dewan's reply.— Government will start an English School at Kuzhithurai. The whole question of technical education is engaging the careful consideration it deserves. Before any definite policy is laid down, it will be premature to say anything as to the arrangement we shall make in that direction. So we shall leave alone for the present, the suggestion to attach technical classes to the proposed English School at Kuzhithurai.

127. Opening of Channels to irrigate the villages of Arudesom, Kunnathur and Painkulam.

Mr. K. Kesava Pillai (Member, Vilavancode Taluk) stated that the land-holders of Arudesom, Kunnathur and Painkolam were put to much hardship on account of the scarcity of water. Therefore, the Member prayed that Government might direct the opening of channels that could be supplied with Kodayar water to irrigate the villages mentioned above.

Dewan's reply.—We have to complete all the works under the Left Bank Channel and then see whether the water in the Reservoir will be sufficient to justify our opening a Right Bank Channel.

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NEYYATTINKARA TALUK.

128. Establishment of a Magistrate-Munsiff's Court at Parassala.

Mr. R. Narayana Pillai (Member, Neyyattinkara Taluk) stated that the inhabitants of Parassala were put to much hardship on account of the absence of a Magistrate's Court at Parassala, the latter having been shifted to Neyyattinkara. Theft, murder and other crimes had now become every day occurrences. The poor and innocent inhabitants of the place could not live peacefully. The Member also requested

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that, if the Magistrates' Court was restored to Parassala, the Magistrate might be entrusted with the powers of a Munsiff.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

TRIVANDRUM TALUK.

129. Taxation of houses in the town of Trivandrum.

Mr. S. B. Marse (Member, T. I. C. Trivandrum) raised strong objections to the taxation of houses in the town of Trivandrum. He said that the taxation proposed was detrimental to the welfare and interests of the people and unnecessary and uncalled for. He also submitted that, according to the assessment list prepared for house tax, the amount arrived at was not encouraging, and he was sure that it would in no way help to meet the pressing demands they had at present for the construction of urinals and latrines. He pointed out that the new taxation would tend to the creation of a hue and cry from the general public of the town. He prayed therefore that the proposed taxation might be dropped and that the cost that would be incurred on behalf of public urinals and latrines might be borne exclusively by Government as hitherto.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

NEDUMANGAD TALUK.

130. Repairing and constructing irrigation tanks and reservoirs in the taluk.

Mr. Kanakku Mathevan Mathevan (Member, Nedumangad Taluk) suggested that half the cost of repairing and constructing irrigation tanks and reservoirs in the taluk should be borne by Government, the other half being defrayed by the ryots themselves.

Dewan's reply.—The question of irrigation in the taluk has been postponed, not because we want to squeeze out some contributions from the people, but because our hands are full of work and the D. P. W. are unable to take up more work. Each taluk has to be taken up one by one and the necessary investigation conducted. Plans and estimates will then have to be prepared and sanctioned. Each block will, after that, have to be taken up and work commenced. All this will take time.

CHIRAYINKIL TALUK.

131. Opening of an Agricultural School and an Agricultural Demonstration Farm at Attingal.

Mr. S. Harihara Aiyar (Member, Chirayinkil Taluk) suggested the opening of an Agricultural School and a Demonstration Farm to benefit a large proportion of the boys that were studying in the Elementary Schools of the higher grade. He also suggested the provision of some arrangement in every school and farm, by which the ryots —the adult population—might be brought together on some

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